

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Preliminarily, Applicants would like to thank Examiner McCulley for extending time for the Interview that was conducted on June 22, 2010.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application based on the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 5-12, 14-24, 26, 28-31, 33, 35-40, 47-48, and 53-54 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,952,645 ("Mulhaupt") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,576,903 ("Groff"). Claims 45-46 and 49-52 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mulhaupt. Claim 27 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Mulhaupt in view of Groff and European Application EP 1 026 218 ("Welke").

As discussed during the interview, Mulhaupt does not teach or suggest impact modifiers, such as polyesters, comprising in relevant part, polyol residues having a molecular weight of between 50 and 200. Rather, Mulhaupt requires polyether diols (*i.e.*, the R² component having Formula V found within polyester structural Formulas I-III of Mulhaupt) having molecular weights well above 200. Accordingly, as these large polyether diols are a required feature of Mulhaupt, Applicants submit that the combination with Groff in providing a low molecular weight diol to cure this deficiency of Mulhaupt goes against the overall teaching of Mulhaupt.

Applicants further submit that the above noted deficiencies are not cured by Welke.

Therefore, all objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Should any issues remain unresolved, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number indicated below in order to expeditiously resolve any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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